

II Restriction requirement

The examiner required that applicants elect either Group I (claims 1-10 and 12-17) or Group II (claim 11). Group I is directed to nucleic acids of, or complementary to SEQ ID NO. 3, a vector, a plant, seed and a method for producing a plant with gametophytic male sterility with inducible fertility. Group II is directed to a seed obtained by crossing a plant having agronomic value with a plant which has gametophytic male sterility with inducible fertility and encodes a male-gamete-specific cytotoxic product.

III. Election

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-10 and 12-17) with traverse. However, applicants believe that claim 18, directed to a vector of claim 4, should be added to Group I. Claim 18 was added in applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed on August, 18, 2000.

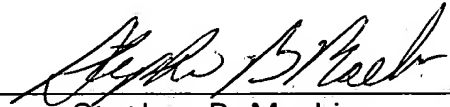
IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request that claims 1-10 and 12-18 be examined. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions, Examiner Collins is courteously invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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